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# Cityscene

*What's Happening in the City of Fairfax*



## BUSINESS CORNER



### Venture Fairfax Roundtable Set for May 28; Reservations Accepted

Fairfax businesses are invited to the FundingPost Fairfax Venture Roundtable from 2-6 p.m. May 28 at the Mason Enterprise Center, 4031 University Drive. The roundtable offers education and networking opportunities regarding venture investment in small businesses.

A select 25 entrepreneur-attendees will have two minutes to pitch their business ideas to a panel comprised of venture investors (and receive feedback).

Events include a panel discussion "How Early-Stage Venture Investment Encourages Regional Industry Diversification," outlining investor trends and reviewing what investors seek in an early-stage company. The panel also will discuss how get investor's attention, offer advice for early stage entrepreneurs, and suggest the best ways to reach investors.

RSVP and information: [cmclur5@gmu.edu](mailto:cmclur5@gmu.edu); 703-277-7700.



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## Celebrate Art in Its Many Forms at Spotlight on the Arts Festival

The arts are alive in Fairfax, and nowhere is it more present than at Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts.

This year's festival highlight the emerging vibrant art scene in historic Old Town Fairfax with outstanding music performances from leading musicians, quality arts exhibitions, dance, stimulating theater performances, community activities.

This year, "The Arts mean Business" offers an art walk through Old Town Fairfax

highlighting businesses with an artistic twist, and "Artful Living" offers an art show in association with the non-profit organization Our Daily Bread. This year, Fashion in Motion includes a new twist: wearable art!

Sponsored by the City of Fairfax in cooperation with George Mason University and the arts community of Fairfax, the three-week festival is considered one of Virginia's foremost arts festivals. Information: 703-352-ARTS, [www.fairfaxspotlight.org](http://www.fairfaxspotlight.org).

## City Council Budget Process Concludes With Adoption April 29

Help the city plan for the future by participating in the annual budget review, which continues through April 29. (See the budget calendar, right.)

The budget is a detailed description of how taxpayer money is spent. It explains the city's goals, proposed programs and activities for that fiscal year. The budget also includes the first year of the five-year Capital Improvement Program.

Copies of the budget are available in print in City Hall and on the city website. Information: 703-385-7870.

### Budget Review Schedule

- April 7: budget discussion work session
- April 14: public hearing on the proposed real estate tax rate; work session; introduction of rates
- April 21: budget discussion work session (tentative)
- April 29: public hearing and budget adoption

Meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and televised on Cityscreen-12; see page 5 for schedule and viewing information. Schedule is subject to change.

# City **NEWS** AND Notes



## Rain Barrel Workshop Offered April 11

Attend the *Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop* from 10 a.m. to noon April 11 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. Participants build and take home a rain barrel, and learn how to care for and maintain it. Cost is \$55. Registration is required at <http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/be-green/live-green/barrel/>. Information: 703-324-1428.

## Apply Now for the Citizen's Fire Academy

Learn more about the operation and organization of the City of Fairfax Fire Department at the Citizen's Fire Academy, which begins September 10.

This 12-week program is held at the city's Public Safety Training Center, 9650 Colonial Avenue. Class size is limited to 16 students, so register early on the city website. Information: 703-385-7940.

## City Provides Real Estate Tax Relief, Rent Relief

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rent relief for senior citizens and city residents with permanent and total disabilities. Information: 703-359-2486.

Qualified homeowners may choose basic tax relief (full or partial tax relief), tax deferral, tax freeze; or combination tax freeze and deferral. Different levels of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Applications, due April 15, are available on the city website and from the Finance Department, Room 312 in City Hall.

Tax/rent relief program qualifications, including the benefit and income limits, are determined during the fiscal year budget hearings, which occur each spring.

Virginia offers a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and/or surviving spouses.

## Bike to Work Day May 15 in Old Town Square

Bike to work on May 15 — stop by the city's pit stop in Old Town Square. Pre-register by May 8 at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org) for a free t-shirt and bike raffles.

## Local Pools Offer Memberships

Three community pools are available to city residents. Memberships, fees may apply.

- Country Club Hills Swimming Pool, 3622 Old Post Road ([www.cchpool.com](http://www.cchpool.com))
- Fairfax Swimming Pool, 4200 Roberts Road ([www.fairfaxpool.com](http://www.fairfaxpool.com))
- Mosby Woods Pool, 3136 Plantation Parkway ([www.mosbywoodspool.com](http://www.mosbywoodspool.com))

Other pools near the city include:

- George Mason University Aquatic Center, 4400 University Drive ([recreation.gmu.edu/aquatics](http://recreation.gmu.edu/aquatics))
- Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/))

[parks/rec/oakmarr](mailto:parks/rec/oakmarr))

## Tax Prep Assistance Available from City, AARP, IRS

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides qualified city residents with free assistance preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns through April 14 in City Hall; call 703-385-7880.

AARP TaxAide provides free federal tax return assistance to low- and moderate-income persons at multiple drop-in locations in the area: 888-OUR-AARP.

The IRS offers Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for low-income taxpayers, as well as free tax help to military personnel and their families: 800-906-9887. Additionally, the IRS offers Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), which provides free assistance for taxpayers age 60 and older: 800-906-9887.

## Stay Informed With Fairfax City Alert

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## Fairfax Civil War Day

10 am to 5 pm Saturday, April 25

Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway

Meet Clara Barton, Aeronaut Thaddeus Lowe,  
General and Mrs. Robert E. Lee, Colonel John S. Mosby, Union Nurse Marilla Hovey,  
FREED: Portrayals of African American Women

Historic Blenheim House Tours • Willcoxon Family Treasures •

"Images of Mosby in Art and Words" • Living history and camp demonstrations •  
17th Va. Infantry, Co. D, "Fairfax Rifles" • Black Horse Cavalry • Carpenter's Battery •  
The Village Blacksmith • Cannon and firing demonstration • Ladies Aid Society •  
22nd Corps (USA) Headquarters • 28th Massachusetts (USA) Medical Unit • Union Artillery •  
Presentations and displays • Wagon rides • Civil War medicine • Beginners Boot Camp •  
Music by Home Front • Food by Red Hot and Blue, and Historic Fairfax City Inc.

Free shuttle service from Fairfax High School, 3410 Rebel Run

Cost: \$5/adults, \$3 youth age 12 and younger

Information: [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov), 703-591-0560



# Spring Cleanup Month Includes Leaf Collection, Cleanup Day

The city spruces up for spring — and provides special services — in April for Spring Cleanup Month. Information: 703-385-7995.

Vacuum trucks will collect loose leaves raked to the curb on Tuesdays in April throughout the city. *Bagged leaves are not collected in April.* Please rake leaves to the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day.

Residents, community groups, service groups and more may clean up the

neighborhoods or any public area in the city on Spring Cleanup Day April 25. The city will provide trash bags and will collect the used trash bags on Spring Cleanup Day. Can't make that day? Call the city to see how we can help your efforts.

The city sweeps residential streets Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in April; residents are asked to refrain from parking on residential streets from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on those days. Signs are posted in neighborhoods.

## City Highways on the Map for Construction, Consideration

Old Lee Highway, Fairfax Boulevard, Jermantown road and I-66 continue to be under consideration or construction this spring. Information: 703-385-7810.

**Fairfax Boulevard** — Phase two of the Fairfax Boulevard improvements expansion between Bevan Drive and Jermantown Road has begun.

Construction includes widening westbound Fairfax Boulevard from Bevan Drive to Jermantown Road, widening northbound Jermantown Road and providing additional turn lanes on southbound Jermantown Road.

This is expected to reduce congestion in the vicinity, particularly during evening rush hour. Phase two construction should last through spring 2016, after which land-

scaping work will commence.

**Old Lee Highway "Great Street"** — The city and its community continue to plan the future of Old Lee Highway. After the initial outreach meeting held in March, the city plans a second outreach meeting will be scheduled in May; please watch the city website, Cityscreen-12 and May Cityscene for details. See related presentations and documents on the city website.

**I-66 Transform** — Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold public hearings on the environmental document for "I-66 Outside the Beltway" May 27 (VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, Fairfax), May 28 (Oakton High School, Vienna) and June 2 (Battlefield High School, Haymarket). Information: [www.transform66.org](http://www.transform66.org).

## Zoning Rewrite Continues; Draft Ordinance Unveiling Anticipated at Open House in May

The city continues its comprehensive Zoning Ordinance rewrite to develop a clear and user-friendly ordinance that is consistent with present-day plans and policies. The city formed an advisory committee comprised of industry professionals and the business community — as well as board and commission members and residents — to assist in the technical review of the detailed code language.

After last year's public workshop to review initial recommendations on the city's ordinance from the consultant and receive feedback from the community, the Zoning Rewrite Advisory Committee has

continued reviewing sections of the draft code during a series of meetings held since July 2014.

The proposed updates to the Zoning Ordinance include a broad array of items, from signs to parking to permitted uses throughout the City's land regulations.

The city anticipates holding a public open house to present the draft Zoning Ordinance to the community in May. Please check the Cityscene, as well as the city website and Cityscreen-12, for details as they become available. Information: [www.zoningfairfax.com](http://www.zoningfairfax.com), 703-385-7930.



## Report Potholes to Public Works Department

Encounter a pesky pothole in the City of Fairfax? Report it on the Pothole Hotline: [WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7810.

## Remember: Recycle at Home and Work

Remember: recycling is mandatory for all residents and business owners in the city.

Resident who receive refuse and recyclable collection service may request a recycling bin from the city for curbside collection of materials.

Residents also may provide their own bins or wheeled totes for their use. Remember to write the residence address on totes and bins so they find their way home.

## Contractors Must Dispose of Their Own Debris

Contractors who offer services as extensive as home renovations or as simple as grass-cutting are required to dispose of their debris themselves, rather than leave the materials at the curb. The Public Works Department does not dispose of contractor-created debris.

## Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The city has an extensive list of what it collects curbside and what can be taken to the recycling center — and that information is available on two flyers posted on the website and available upon request:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City,*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever.*

Information: 703-293-7141.

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**INFORMATION: 703-385-7837**



## Help Monarch Butterflies by Planting Milkweed

Monarch butterfly populations are in crisis — and you can help by creating a hospitable environment in gardens and landscape that includes milkweed, the exclusive diet of monarch larvae.

Consider using this and other butterfly-friendly vegetation and native plants in gardens and landscape. This reduces or eliminates the need for fertilizers, pesticides and watering, and provides food and cover for local wildlife. Seeds and plants should be available at garden supply stores. Learn more on the city website (Sustainable Landscaping) and on the Monarch Joint Venture website. **Information:** 703-385-7816. (Photo: Bill Johnson, Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Monarch Joint Venture)

## Parks and Recreation Director McCarty Departs City

The city announces the departure of Michael McCarty, director of the city's Parks and Recreation Department since 2006. McCarty has overseen growth in city facilities and special events, including the planning, construction and management of the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center; construction of Old Town Square (a joint project with the Public Works Department); and addition of city special events. In 2011, the Parks and Recreation Department won the NRPA Gold Medal Award.

McCarty will be the executive director of the Glenview (Ill.) Park District.

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## Old Town Square Opening, Derby-Q, #TGIFairfax in May

Mark your calendars: the city has numerous special events on the horizon — including the dedication of the new center city square. **Information:** 703-385-7858.

The dedication of the city's newest parkland, Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, is scheduled for 9 a.m. May 2.

**Derby-Q**, set for 2-7 p.m. May 2 in Old Town Square, will feature specialty beer and bourbon tasting in Old Town Hall, barbecue vendors, live music by Moonshine Society and Clarence "Bluesman" Turner, and the Kentucky Derby on the big screen.

General admission is \$10; children age 3 and younger enter free. Children

younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.

Beer and whiskey tasting packages can be purchased in advance or at the event. Beer tasting package (\$25) includes admission, souvenir tasting glass, seven beer tickets and one bourbon tasting ticket. Beer and whiskey tasting package (\$65) includes admission, souvenir tasting glass, seven beer tickets, one bourbon tasting ticket and one entry to the Scotch Man Whiskey Tasting. **Information:** [www.derby-q.com](http://www.derby-q.com).

**Rock the Block! #TGIFairfax** begins its second season May 22 with Gonzo's Nose from 6-9 p.m. in Old Town Square. Please bring your lawn chair. Admission is free.



## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Architectural Review (one vacancy)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy)
- Commission on the Arts (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)
- Economic Development Authority (one vacancy)
- Environmental Sustainability Committee (one vacancy)
- Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. **Information:** 703-385-7935.



# CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

## The Fairfax Scene

*The 2013 re-enactment of Mosby's Raid on Fairfax Court House followed by lectures from Civil War Historians Don Hakenson and Eric Buckland on Mosby's other raids and about Mosby's Rangers.*

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm through April 14

*Oral histories from four longtime City of Fairfax residents, presented by Historic Fairfax City, Inc.*

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm beginning April 15

Archived online: "special programming"  
Available on city's YouTube channel

## School Board

 Monday, April 6, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Tuesday, April 7, 10 am

Thursday, April 9, 10 am

Monday, April 20, 10 am, 7 pm

Tuesday, April 21, 10 am, 7 pm (*Please note: 7 pm replay will be cancelled if needed for 4/21 City Council televised work session*)

Thursday, April 23, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online April 7

## City Council

 Work session: Tuesday, April 7, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Wednesday, April 8, 10 am, 7 pm


Friday, April 10, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, April 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, April 12, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online April 8

Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 7 pm, LIVE

 replays:

Wednesday, April 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, April 17, 10 am, 7 pm


Saturday, April 18, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, April 19, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online April 15

OnDEMAND April 22

Budget work session: Tuesday, April 21, 7 pm,  
LIVE (tentative)

 replays:

Wednesday, April 22, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, April 24, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, April 25, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, April 26, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online April 22



Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Thursday, April 30, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, May 2, 10 am, 7 pm


Saturday, May 3, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, May 4, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online April 30

OnDEMAND May 4

## Planning Commission

 Monday, April 13, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Tuesday, April 14, 10 am

Thursday, April 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online April 14

 Monday, April 27, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Tuesday, April 28, 10 am

Thursday, April 30, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online April 28

## Road to Recovery

Series produced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deals with many topics related to addiction, treatment and recovery

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled.

## Proposed Agendas: School Board, City Council, Planning Commission

### School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

#### April 6 regular meeting

- Presentation of the Fairfax High School All-Night Graduation donation.
- Student-Staff recognition.
- Spotlight on Learning.
- Presentations: student representative report; presentation on Fairfax High School.

#### April 20 work session

- Student panel.
- Draft agenda for annual retreat.

### City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

#### April 7 work session

- Joint discussion with the Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation.
- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission on the proposed redevelopment at the Mantua Professional center by RJL Associates for rezoning and three special exceptions at 9450 Silver King Court.
- Discussion of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.
- Discussion of the residential parking permit district ordinance.
- Discussion of the formation of a study committee for the future use of the Green Acres Center.

#### April 14 regular meeting

- Introduction of an ordinance amending and re-adopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish and separate tax rates on such real property effective as of January 1, 2015, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax.
- Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code to increase the wastewater utility rate by 10 percent for fiscal year 2015-16.
- Consideration of a resolution establishing a policy regarding public art.
- Public hearing on the proposed real estate tax rate.
- Public hearing on a request by North Street Associates for a special exception to signage located at 3975 University Drive.

#### April 21 work session (tentative)

- Discussion of the City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.

#### April 29 regular meeting (please note: date is a Wednesday)

- Introduction of an ordinance for the extension of a lease agreement with Main Street Child Development Center at Green Acres, 4401 Sideburn Road.
- Public hearing on a request for a variance to

allow for subdivision of the property located 10400 Stratford Avenue.

- Public hearing on City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.
- Public hearing on an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the city used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a separate tax rate on such real property effective as of January 1, 2015, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax.
- Public hearing on an ordinance amending City Code to increase the wastewater utility rate by 10 percent for fiscal year 2015-16.
- Consideration of the City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.

### Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

#### April 13 regular meeting

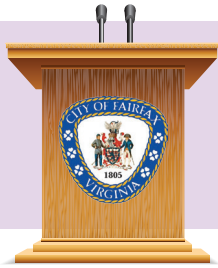
- Public hearing on a request by Oak Knolls Realty for the rezoning of property located at 10743-10764 Main Street.

#### April 27 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

*Please note: proposed agendas and other meeting information are subject to change. Please confirm prior to the meeting: information will be available on the city website or by phone at the numbers listed above.*





# City Council Reporter

## February 10, 2015

### Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a resolution requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) make an adjustment to the lane mile total in the city that is eligible for maintenance reimbursement; and Introduction of a resolution for the reappropriation of Capital Project Funds to fiscal year 2014-15 that were appropriated in fiscal year 2013-14 and have not yet been obligated. (*Councilmembers DeMarco and Miller were absent.*)

### Public hearings

- Deferred to February 24: public hearing on a request by Fairfax Novus Gateway LLC for a rezoning of the 8.33-acre site from C-2 Retail Commercial, I-2 Industrial, and Highway Corridor Overlay District, to C-2 Retail Commercial with proffers and Highway Corridor Overlay District; for a special use permit, special exceptions and for variances in the C-2 Retail Commercial, I-2 Industrial, and Highway Corridor Overlay Districts at 11101 and 11091 Fairfax Boulevard and 11160 Lee Highway.
- Approved, 3-1, the request to allow a higher floor ratio and exceed the maximum wall height for redevelopment of the property located in the C-2 Retail Commercial and Old Town Fairfax Transition Districts at 10341 Main Street, subject to conditions. (*In favor: Councilmembers Greenfield, Meyer, and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Loftus.*) (*Councilmembers DeMarco and Miller were absent.*)

## February 24, 2015

### Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution for \$60,000 for the transfer of NVT 30 percent monies from the Transportation Tax Fund to the Capital Fund to fund the George T. Snyder Trail project; Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution for \$34,976 for the transfer of NVT 30 percent monies from the Transportation Tax Fund to the Downtown Fund to fund design for Old Town Sidewalk spot widening.

### Public hearings

- Approved, 5-1, the request of Novus Fairfax Gateway LLC:
  - to adopt an ordinance to approve the application to rezone the subject property from C-2 Retail Commercial, I-2 Industrial and Highway Corridor Overlay District, to C-2 Retail Commercial with proffers and Highway Corridor Overlay District; subject to the general development plan stamped received February 19, 2015 and proffers revised February 24, 2015, at 11101 and 11091 Fairfax Boulevard and 11160 Lee Highway, subject provision of affordable housing 13A(i) of the proffers revised through February 24, 2015. The City Council further accepts the applicant's proffer to provide an additional eight affordable housing units as described in proffer #2.D;
  - the request for variances to the subdivision ordinance to allow private accessways to be less than 30 feet in width, to reduce the minimum centerline curve radii of private accessways, and to modify the minimum requirements for dead end private accessways subject to the general development plan stamped received February 19, 2015 and proffers revised February 24, 2015, at 11101 and 11091 Fairfax Boulevard and 11160 Lee Highway, subject to condition;
- to adopt a resolution to approve with conditions the special exception requests for redevelopment of the property being zoned to the C-2 Retail Commercial with proffers and Highway Corridor Overlay District at 11101 and 11091 Fairfax Boulevard and 11160 Lee Highway, with condition;
- to approve the request for a special use permit to allow a use with an estimated daily traffic volume in excess of 700 trips per day in the Highway Corridor Overlay District and to allow residential uses in the Highway Corridor Overlay District at 11101 and 11091 Fairfax Boulevard and 11160 Lee Highway, subject to conditions. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Loftus, Meyer, Miller, and*

*Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Greenfield.*)

- Deferred to March 10 the public hearing on a request for a special use permit to allow a telecommunications facility that exceeds 65 feet in height when mounted on top of the commercial building in C-2 Retail Commercial District and Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay District at 10555 Main Street.
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution for the reappropriation of capital project funds to fiscal year 2014-15 that were appropriated in fiscal year 2013-14 and have not yet been obligated.

### Items not requiring a public hearing

- A representative from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, presented the City of Fairfax FY 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the auditor's "Communication With Those Charged With Governance" letter.

## Information Resources

### City website

[www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov)

24-hour access, updates

### Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television and city website

24-hour access, updates

### Fairfax City Alert message system

messages sent to subscribers via e-mail, pager, text and phone

24-hour access, updates

### City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information

24-hour access, updates

### General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 711)

regular business hours

### Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 711)

regular business hours

# Community Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information ..... 703-585-7855  
 City News and Events ..... 703-273-1776  
 Arts and Cultural Events ..... 703-352-ARTS  
 City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227  
 Civil War Interpretive Center ..... 703-591-0560  
 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center ..... 703-385-8414  
 George Mason University Events ..... 703-993-1056

Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

1

Independence Day Parade applications due  
 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

2

3

Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

4

Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street

5

Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center is closed in observance of Easter

6

Mr. Skip, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall

LIVE! 12

School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

7

Curbside leaf collection — please rake leaves to curb by 7 am

MSI Permaculture Certification Course (through 4/14), George Mason University

LIVE! 12

City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center  
 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Daniels Run Elementary School  
 Historic Fairfax City Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim

9

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex  
 City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

10

Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)  
 The Bobby Jasinski Jazz Trio — Great American Songbook, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

11

Rain Barrel Workshop, 10 am, Green Acres Center  
 Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street  
 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

12

Second Sunday Series: Discovering the Universality of the Soldier Experience, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center

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LIVE! 12

Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Curbside leaf collection — please rake leaves to curb by 7 am

LIVE! 12

City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Real estate tax relief, rent relief applications due  
 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

16

Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall  
 Independence Day Celebration Committee, 7 pm, City Hall  
 City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

17

Spotlight on the Arts Opening Gala, Old Town Hall  
 Sherwood Cinema Series: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No-Good, Very Bad Day, 7 pm, Sherwood Center

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Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street  
 Fairfax Art League & Fairfax High School Art Show Opening, 2 pm, Old Town Hall  
 Paul VI Players Spring Musical, 7:30 pm, Paul VI High School

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Virginia Opera Children's Performance: The Princess and the Pea, 2 pm, Sherwood Center  
 The Washington Chamber Orchestra, 5 pm, Sherwood Center  
 Bluegrass Festival, 6 pm, Auld Shebeen

20

Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall  
 School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

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Curbside leaf collection — rake leaves to curb by 7 am

LIVE! 12

City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (tentative)  
 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center  
 Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall

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Fairfax Arts Awards and Reception, 6 pm, Old Town Hall  
 Jazz Combos Concerts, 8 pm, Center for the Arts


23

Community Appearance Committee, 7 pm, City Hall  
 Truro Anglican Spring Arts Festival, 7 pm, Truro Church  
 The Magic Flute Children's Opera Group, 6:30 pm, Sherwood Center  
 Chamber Music Concert, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

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Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)  
 Raffi and Roman Kasparian — Father-Son Piano, 8 pm, Old Town Hall  
 Gilbert and Sullivan: Pirates of Penzance, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

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Spring Cleanup Day — see page 3  
 Fairfax Civil War Day, 10 am to 5 pm, Historic Blenheim  
 Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street

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Gilbert and Sullivan: Pirates of Penzance, 3 pm, Center for the Arts  
 Main Street Community Band, 4 pm, Sherwood Center  
 Potomac Arts Academy Recitals, 5 pm, Old Town Hall

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Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex  
 Virginia Opera: An Evening of Arias & Duets, 7 pm, Sherwood Center

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Curbside leaf collection — please rake leaves to curb by 7 am

Vienna-Falls Chorus: Sweet Adelines, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Center

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Earth Day show and reception, 6 pm, City Hall Atrium  
 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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John Mason Arts Achievement Award, 7 pm, Old Town Hall



held April 17 through May 9 — complete schedule at [www.fairfaxspotlight.org](http://www.fairfaxspotlight.org)

Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: [today.gmu.edu](http://today.gmu.edu), 703-993-1056



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# City Happenings

## Independence Day Parade Applications Due April 1; Volunteers Sought

Join friends and family, civic and business groups: march in the city's Independence Day Parade July 4. Please submit a parade application by April 1.

Volunteers also are sought to assist during the event. Applications are available on the city website.

## The Soldier's Experience Examined April 12

"Discover the Universality of the Soldier Experience" at 2 p.m. April 12 at Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

## Sherwood Cinema Series Continues April 17; Food Donations Accepted

Catch *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* for free April

17 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m., and participants may bring their own snacks.

Our Daily Bread is accepting non-perishable food donations from 7-9 p.m.; call for guidelines.

## Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Begin in April

Take a free tour of the city's oldest residence, the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays April through October. Tours also may be scheduled in advance. Information: 703-385-8414.

## Edwin Forbes' Drawings on Exhibit at Fairfax Museum

Edwin Forbes was a soldier armed not with a weapon, but with a pen. The young artist went to war in 1862 with the Bohemian Brigade to bring the images of the American Civil War to the public. See dozens of his pen and ink drawings with his own descriptions of each.

*An Artist's Story: Civil War Drawings by Edwin Forbes* will be exhibited at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center through October 14, courtesy of the Virginia Historical Society. Information: 703-385-8414.

## Mother/Son Campout Set for May 8-9

Mothers and sons — adult women with their young menfolk — can spend the night in the great outdoors of Van Dyck Park: pitch a tent, bring a sleeping bag and prepare for fun adventures and activities. Dinner, breakfast and s'mores (and campfire) will be provided. Cost is \$30 per person.

## Guided Walking History Tours Offered

Discover Fairfax history on foot with a guided tour of Old Town Fairfax. Tours step off at 11 a.m. from Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, on May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8 and September 12. Cost is \$10 per person age 13 and older, \$5 for youth age 6-12 or \$25 per family. Reservations are recommended; call 703-385-8414.